

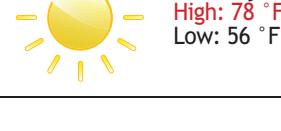
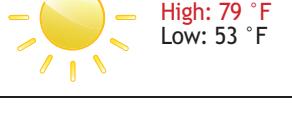


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Campus-wide ball pit event encourages student communication

Cheyanna Colborn
staff writer

It may be hard to imagine taking a picture with a random stranger and then tweeting or uploading it to Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #ballsinyourcourt, but within each K-State living community this week, it happened. The Cultural Diversity Advocates spent each evening fostering an event that included individuals sitting in a ball pit with a

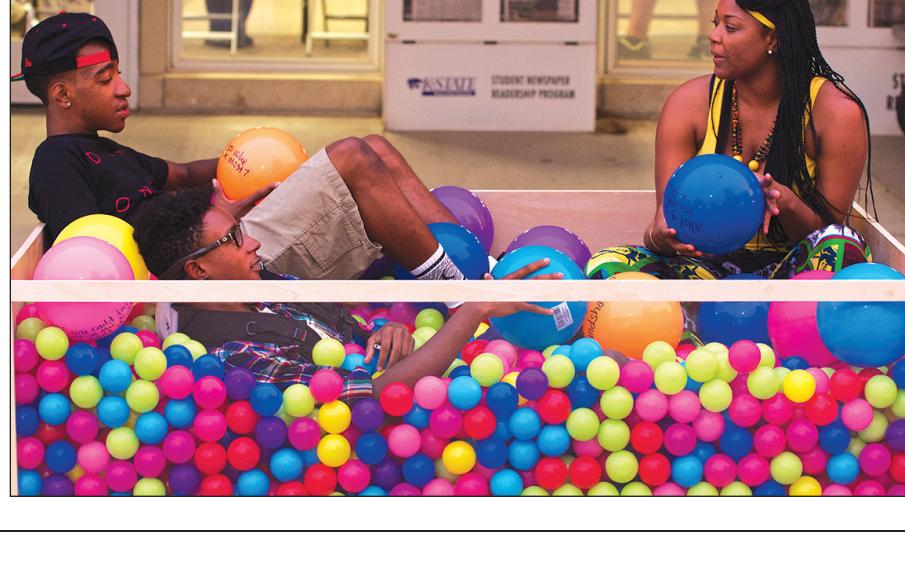
stranger and asking random questions.

Plans began for the ball pit last spring, when four CDAs saw a video "Take a seat - Make a Friend?" The video featured a ball pit that was on a city street that influenced strangers to speak to each other. The advocates used this for inspiration and thought that it would be good to implement on campus. They titled their initiative

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Sterling Muse, (left) freshman in marketing, **Akil Nurse**, freshman in marketing and international business, and **Danielle Crossland**, senior in social work, ask and answer questions in the traveling ball pit on Thursday evening outside the Jardine Frith Community Center.



SGA passes bills, swears in 25 interns

Mike Stanton
managing editor

The Student Governing Association's Student Senate convened last night in the Big 12 room of the K-State Student Union. In a meeting briefly interrupted by a Royal Purple yearbook photo shoot, the Senate passed three bills and a resolution, and swore in their new class of interns.

Among the bills to pass was 13/14/01, an amendment to the SGA bylaws concerning the Housing and Dining Services judicial boards, described in past weeks as an effort to reflect changes made to the university's constitution last year. Another bill, 13/14/04, allocated \$350 to International Buddies to hold an event.

Another bill was also introduced at the meeting. Bill 13/14/05 concerns allocations to various academic competition teams. The bill will go to a vote next week.

In addition to the legislation, 25 interns - who were chosen from an applicant pool of more than 100 students - were sworn in.

The Student Senate meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Big 12 room.

Associate professor at KU is shamed for tweet

Ian Huyett
opinion editor

After hearing of Monday's mass shooting at the Washington D.C. Navy Yard, University of Kansas journalism professor David Guth took to Twitter to lay blame for the massacre on the National Rifle Association.

"#NavyYardShooting The blood is on the hands of the #NRA," tweeted Guth, an associate professor at KU's William Allen White School of Journalism.

"Next time, let it be YOUR sons and daughters. Shame on you. May God damn you."

Twitter users fired back at Guth, tweeting that it was shameful to call for the deaths of children. Guth stood by his remarks, tweeting, "God's justice takes many forms."

Guth later elaborated on the comments on his personal blog.

"I don't wish what happened today on anyone," Guth wrote. "But if it does happen again - and it likely will - may it happen to those misguided miscreants who suggest that today's death toll at the Navy Yard would have been lower if the employees there were allowed to pack heat."

"His statements are outrageous," Patricia Stoneking, president of the Kansas State Rifle Association, told KCTV 5. "Any person with such a vile and contemptuous attitude who has influence over our children as a professor does should be immediately fired."

Stoneking argued that Guth's rhetoric could influence a "mentally unstable individual."

KU issued a statement Thursday, distancing itself from Guth.

"Professor Guth's views do not represent our school," said Ann Brill, dean of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications. "We do not advocate violence directed against any group or individuals."

It is unclear whether Professor Guth will face disciplinary action.

Heart of a Wildcat, sightless ambition



Ashley Herb, junior in accounting, assists **Charlie Wilks**, freshman in music education, to get in position for field entrance for the halftime show at the UMass game on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Jacinda Dent
staff writer

Charlie Wilks, freshman in music education, seems to be a typical college student. He loves meeting new people, gets lost on his way to classes occasionally and loves K-State Football. However, Wilks doesn't experience those activities quite like

everyone else.

When Wilks was a 5-year-old, he suffered from a brain tumor that left him completely blind by his sixth birthday.

"Everything changed and we had to go about things differently," said Jennifer Cunningham, Wilks' mother. "I was learning about blindness and so was he."

Because he was not born visually impaired, Wilks has fragments of memory from before his tumor, like the things that he learned in kindergarten.

"I remember what colors look like," Wilks said. "I remember what print letters look like, I can still write in print. I remember the stars, mostly, because when I was little I liked to be outside and look at them."

Charlie Wilks
Freshman in Music Education

"I started playing music in the sixth grade and as the years went by, my love for it just developed," Wilks said. "When I got into my junior year of high school, I decided this is what I want to do."

While deciding what college to attend to pursue a music career, Wilks met Frank Tracz, award-winning director for the K-State Marching Band at a Wildcat Welcome weekend.

"I first met Charlie over the phone [in] early summer," Tracz said. "I thought he was a very articulate, intelligent, outgoing young man with

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International Peace Day events inspires student discussion

Marin Willis
staff writer

The United Nation's International Day of Peace is Sept. 21 and will be celebrated worldwide. A moment of silence in each time zone will occur at noon as well as many activities from concerts to festivals across the nation. The knowledge and impact of the International Day of Peace seems to positively impact several students on K-State's campus.

"I have heard of International Day of Peace and I think

that it can be a way to spread cultural awareness," said Kaitlin Morrell, senior in Spanish education. "I think it's imperative that we understand the different cultures around us as well as create positive relationships that will help out our future."

International Day of Peace was unanimously voted upon in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly, "to devote a specific time to ... promote the ideals of peace and to give positive evidence of [their] commitment to peace in all viable ways."

One might wonder what impact the recent conflicts in Syria and throughout the world might have on this International Day of Peace.

"I will be very interested to see what happens because of all of the conflict that has been going on," said Ellie Dickens, sophomore in political science, anthropology and international studies. "I would be very surprised if the different countries did something as drastic [as] pause their fighting for the day, especially because that would make the risk that another actor would perform

a surprise attack. I am concerned at how this day is going to go based on the recent conflict we have been having."

Despite recent events, this International Day of Peace will remain as exactly what it aims for: peaceful.

"I think that the International Peace Day can go beyond just expressing the importance of peace, but also help to promote diversity and understanding," said Ronnie Sullivan, sophomore in international agribusiness. "I have never participated in an International Peace Day activi-

ties, but at the very least, this can be a great day to stop and think, place yourself in other people's shoes, and re-evaluate your opinions of current global issues."

Visit <http://www.internationalday-ofpeace.org/> for more on the history of Peace Day and its accompanying events around the nation

K-State visited by Victoria's Secret PINK apparel campaign

Emily Groenhuis
staff writer

Students lined up Thursday for the K-State stop of the PINK Nation Campus Tour for chances to win PINK apparel and take a picture in the Victoria's Secret cutout. The iconic pink and white polka dotted PINK truck and gold dog sat on Bosco Plaza for students to take pictures with. Members of the lingerie retailer also got the chance to participate in contests and design challenges that Victoria's Secret will use for inspiration for future products.

The addition of K-State apparel to the university collection was the first step in bringing the

PINK Nation to campus. The apparel was first available online exclusively, but the merchandise has been available in various Kansas Victoria's Secret locations - including Manhattan - for over a month now.

"I'm not obsessed with the brand," said Kelsey Kost, junior in economics. "I probably won't be getting anything, it's a little pricey, but it's exciting

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Abby Norman (left), senior in mechanical engineering, and Bailey Carpenter, senior in apparel design and marketing, pick out clothes to dress the photo boards.



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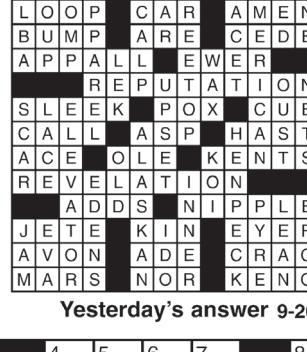
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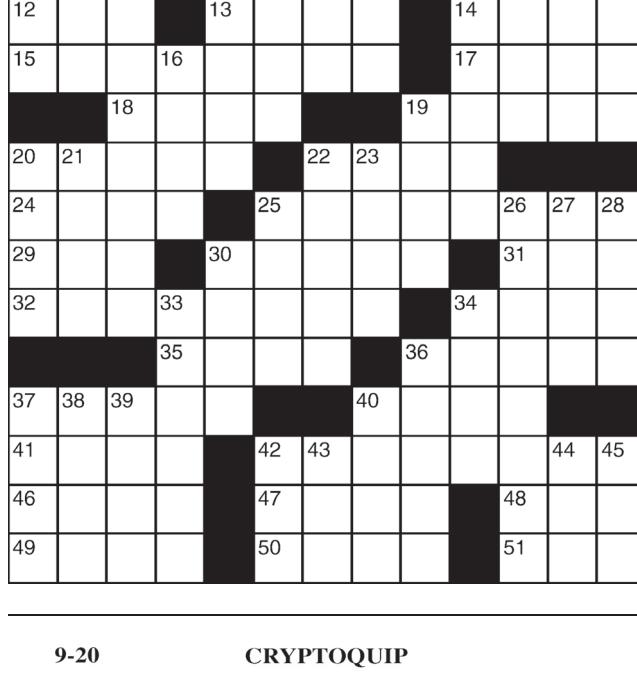
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THE BLOTER ARREST REPORTS

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Colbie Daniel Clayton, of the 400 block of Fourth Street, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

Dany Robert Kravitz Jr., of the 1100 block of Village Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$699.

Shaquille Leonnell Blount, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joseph Michael Brown, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Mark Douglas Townley, of Manhattan, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Gary Lee Smith Jr., of the 400 block of Colorado Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,910.

Tyrone Antonio Shorter, of the 400 block of 10th Street, was booked for extradition of im-

prisoned persons. No bond was listed.

Elvin Lee Armstrong Jr., of El Sobrante, Calif., was booked for soliciting without a permit. Bond was set at \$229.

McKeeny Lynn Tremble, of the 1400 block of Flinthsills Place, was booked for abuse of a child under 18. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Jacquelin Marie Heaslet, of Ogden, was booked for sale, distribution or cultivation of narcotics within 1,000 feet of a school, conspiracy to commit and sale, distribution or cultivation of opiates or narcotics. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Nathan Bryant Edwards, of Ogden, was booked for failure to register as an offender and probation violation. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Charles Bear Story, of the 1200 block of Colorado Street, was booked for pedestrian under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Bond was set at \$500.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



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Syria conflict has been oversimplified, intervening not America's job

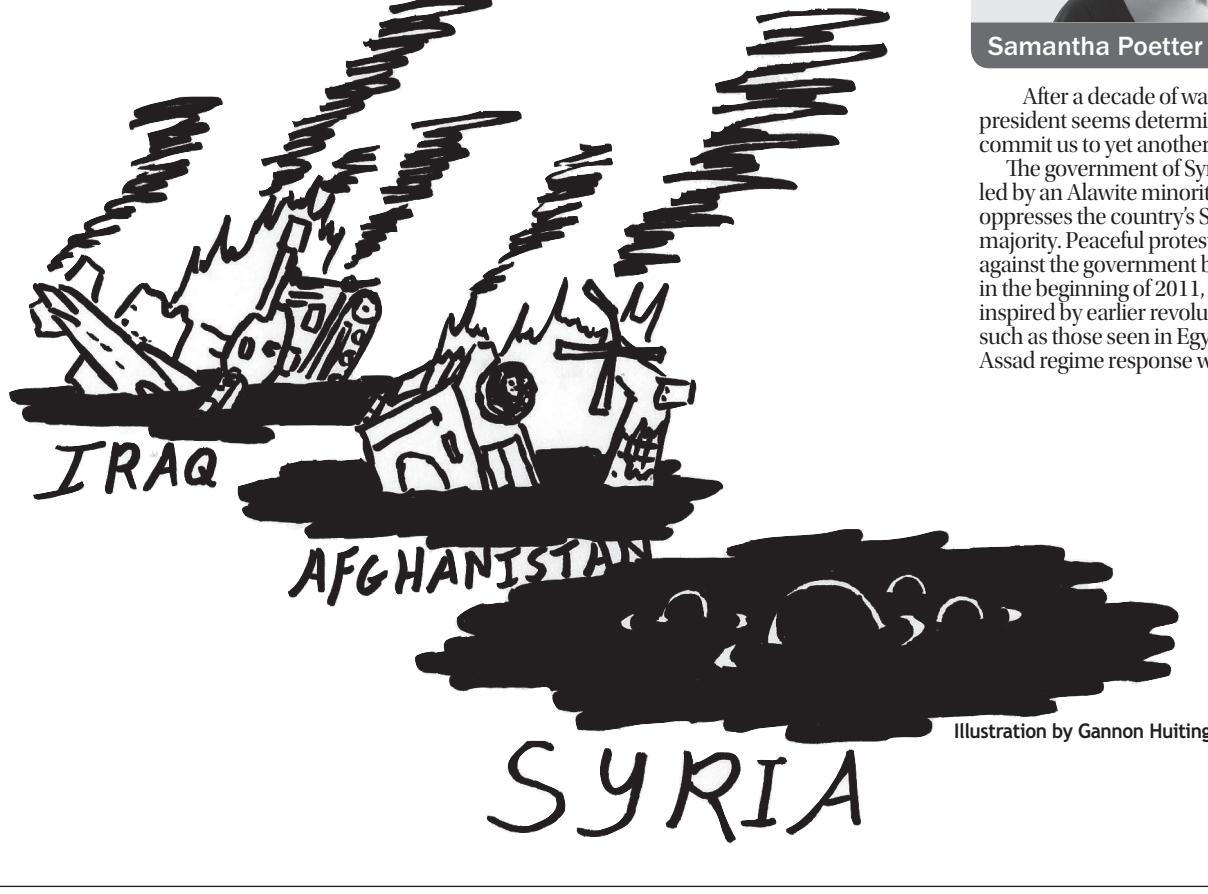


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Samantha Poetter

After a decade of war, our president seems determined to commit us to yet another one.

The government of Syria is led by an Alawite minority that oppresses the country's Sunni majority. Peaceful protests against the government began in the beginning of 2011, inspired by earlier revolutions such as those seen in Egypt. The Assad regime response was to

attack the protesters.

In his recent speech, President Obama suggested that the United States is morally obligated to resolve this conflict at its own expense. He stated that, "[t]he purpose of this strike would be to deter Assad from using chemical weapons, to degrade his regime's ability to use them and to make clear to the world that we will not tolerate their use."

While President Obama is correct in noting that Syria has violated international laws, he is wrong in thinking that it is the job of American taxpayers to enforce them.

Moreover, the president neglected to mention Syria's close alliances with Russia and China. Obama has grossly oversimplified the situation: an intervention in Syria would not merely be an airstrike followed by a quick exit. History should tell us that an intervention is never that simple – let alone a civil war involving a rebel faction being aided by al-Qaeda.

Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaeda's leader, just called for more attacks on America to bring "war to its own land" and "bleed America economically." We have good reason to think that some of the Syrian rebels are al-Qaeda affiliates. Are these the people we want to be arming?

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently said, "[a] strike

would increase violence and unleash a new wave of terrorism ... undermine multilateral efforts to resolve the Iranian nuclear problem and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and further destabilize the Middle East and North Africa."

While Putin is not someone we would typically want to go to for international relations advice, he makes a legitimate point.

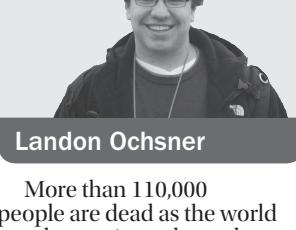
It is a relief that the president decided to step back and let Congress decide whether to go to war, but the fact that he did not have this plan all along is frightening. America does not need to get involved in another war. Senator Rand Paul summed things up well when he said, "Americans, by a large majority, want nothing to do with the Syrian civil war. We fail to see a national security interest in a war between a leader who gasses his own citizens and Islamic rebels who are killing Christians."

We need to realize that regardless of our government's stance on chemical weapons,

we have no obligation to be the world's police. Unless there is a direct threat towards America in Syria, there is absolutely no reason for us to go to war there.

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US must intervene in Syria, use military force second to diplomacy



Landon Ochsner

Dictator Bashar al-Assad on his own people has raised the eyebrows of the international community and blatantly crossed the red line set by President Obama. The question now is not whether the U.S. should be involved, but how we get involved.

The best option may be diplomacy. The recent deal struck between the U.S. and Russia shows promise. Assad's chemical weapon stockpile will be in international control and destroyed by mid 2014 if all goes as planned. The seizing of the weapons not only removes the atrocious weapons from battle, but also assures that whoever takes over, if and when, the Assad regime falls, will not have such mass killing power in the future. However, the deal does not lay out a course of action for removing Assad from power. Seizing the chemical weapons without military intervention will help even the playing field in the

Syrian people's fight for freedom, but sends a bad message to the Assad regime and others like it – the message being that it's unacceptable to kill your own people with chemicals, but mass murder by bullets and explosives is fine. For a diplomatic resolution to be truly successful, Assad should be forced to step down and a government controlled by the people must be installed.

If that fails, there's still the military option. The American people are no strangers to U.S. military intervention in foreign conflicts, and after an eight year war in Iraq and an ongoing war in Afghanistan, many are hesitant to jump into yet another Middle Eastern fight. The skeptical mindset is understandable, but military action in Syria would be on a much smaller scale than the action taken in the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. The current plan of military action is not a full scale invasion, but rather a series of airstrikes targeting Syrian military infrastructure, much like international action taken in Libya during the ousting of dictator Muammar Gaddafi. The lack of "boots on the ground" should,

in theory, expedite the process of toppling the Assad regime without the need for long-term military commitment, as well as minimize the risk of losing American lives.

Even with minimal military involvement, there are always

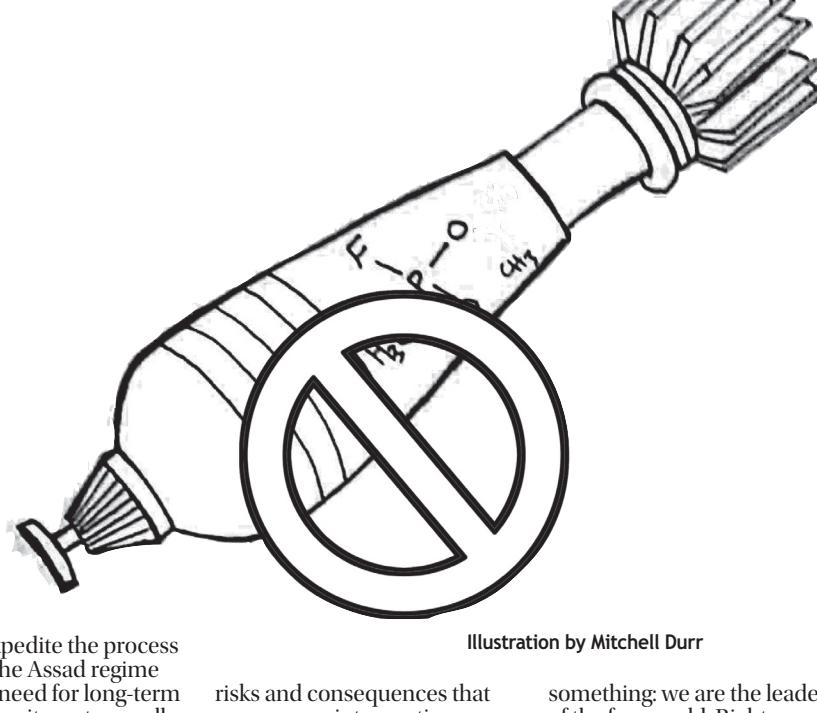
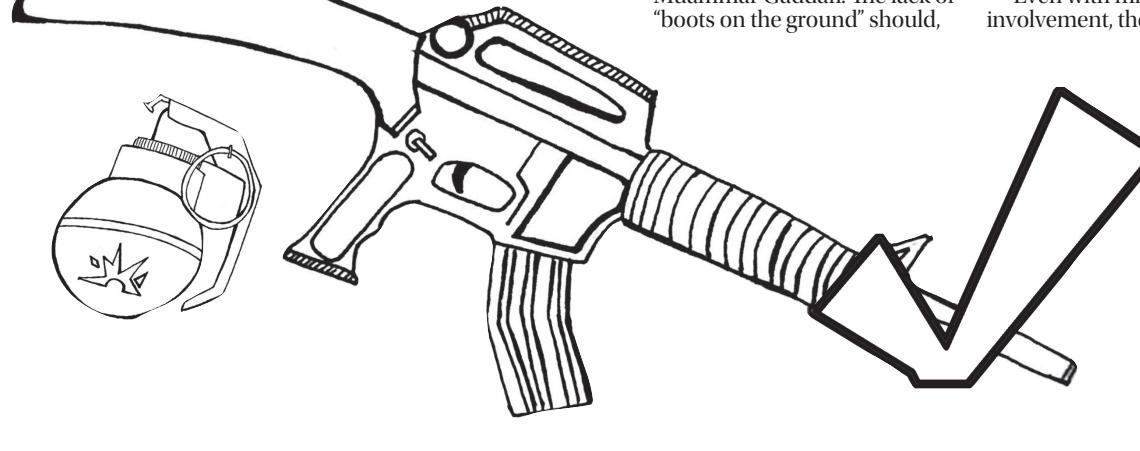


Illustration by Mitchell Durr



risks and consequences that accompany interventions. Both Iran and Russia take interest in Syria and may not stand by idly as the Western powers topple a regime that favors their conduct. If either country were to intervene militarily, the U.S. and its allies would face what could become World War III. I think it's safe to say that nobody wants that. If the U.S. does end up taking military action, we must send a firm message that mass state-sponsored killing is not acceptable, without stepping on the toes of Syria's allies.

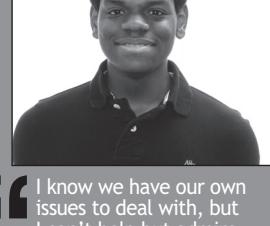
No matter what, the U.S. has to do something and those who say otherwise forget

something: we are the leader of the free world. Right now, we are not leading. We are watching. We are watching a people's desperate struggle for freedom. Some say it's not our business dealing in domestic affairs of other countries, but like it or not, we've set a precedent of making it our business. If there's something wrong, those who have the ability to take action have the responsibility to take action. We have the ability, we have the responsibility. It's time we get involved.

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What should the U.S. do about the conflict in Syria?

Darrington Clark
editor-in-chief

"I know we have our own issues to deal with, but I can't help but admire Obama's desire to help those who cannot help themselves. I think that the U.S. should continue to be an authority and act in Syria if necessary."

Mike Stanton
managing editor

"I think we ought to steer clear. We've got enough problems on our hands here at home."

Erin Poppe
managing copy chief

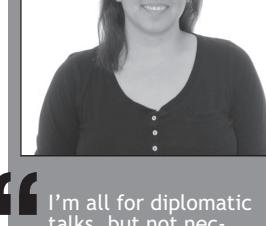
"While the U.S. does have a lot on its plate already, we can't ignore the suffering of others. The U.S. is a world power, and as such has a responsibility to lead where others are not. The U.S. should continue to pursue less confrontational venues."

Emily Gansel
design editor

"I would lean towards not getting involved. But I do think President Obama made some good points in his speech."

Lindsey Staab
co-news editor

"As a partner in the UN, I believe it is our duty to continue to monitor the situation and be available, should we be needed. But presently, I feel that we need to focus on our home issues foremost."

Jeana Lawrence
co-news editor

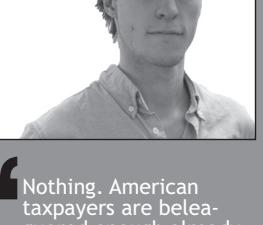
"I'm all for diplomatic talks, but not necessarily any military action. We live in a time where we can't hide from the world and not be involved."

Sean Frye
sports editor

"I agree with what Obama has done so far, I think it was a good move to seek political support even when he didn't have to. If we keep on Syria about these chemical weapons, I think diplomacy will prevail."

Jakki Thompson
edge editor

"I feel the U.S. should continue to monitor the situation. There is no reason to fight someone else's battles, especially when this one has been going on for longer than the most recent human rights infringements."

Ian Huyett
opinion editor

"Nothing. American taxpayers are beleaguered enough already, they shouldn't have to babysit the whole planet."

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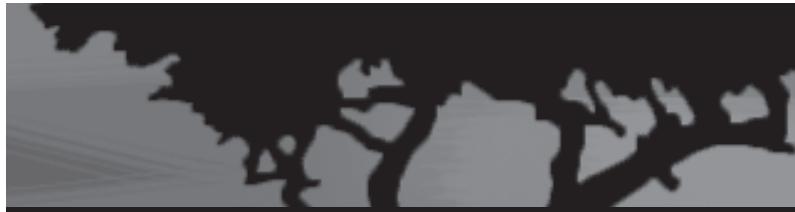
"I think the government is using this situation to distract us from the NSA issue."

Jena Sauber
video editor

"It is not the duty of the United States to be the world's policeman. We need to take care of our own first."

Andy Rao
staff liaison

"I believe we need to stay out of it. International confrontation doesn't help us solve domestic issues like our economy, illegal immigration and a strained social security system."



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Education, involvement in feminism available

Shelbi Markham
contributing writer

Feminism means something different to everyone. K-State provides a variety of academic and student programs to give students and faculty the opportunity to discover feminism for themselves, create their own opinions on the subject and find a way to make their voice heard.

"For me, feminism is about human equality. And it's about making every voice heard," said Colby Bruner, senior in English. "It's about changing and helping the community."

Bruner is also the president of the student organization, FIRE. FIRE is a feminist organization made up of individuals interested in making their voices heard. Their mission statement reads, "We aim to ignite our communities toward progressive social change, while also creating a space for and centering the voices of those who have been erased, marginalized, or made invisible within these communities."

In addition to the opportunity FIRE provides to be actively involved in change, K-State also offers a unique major for students to become

educated on the challenges feminism faces. The women's studies program, started in the 1970s, is one of the oldest women's studies programs at a university. The first class taught at K-State was actually taught by a male. "The major started because students and faculty members had an interest in looking at gender in the university [setting], in society and in the world," said Torry Dickinson, professor in women's studies and adviser for Women's Studies Ambassadors.

The women's studies department offers a major, minor and a graduate school option for study. Students in the major can choose a bachelor of arts or science for their undergraduate degree. The minor has a fifteen credit requirement.

"I served 22 years in the Army, in a predominately male environment," said Adena Weiser, senior in women's studies and English. "I wanted to learn about women's narratives and history, and learn more about why there are so few women in leadership positions in our society, even though they make up half of the U.S."

The women's studies department also supports the Women's Studies Ambassadors organization. The

ambassadors are all in the women's studies major and work to promote the department amongst prospective, current and former students.

"They're the ones talking to students about what women's studies is really about, because there's a lot of confusion about it," Dickinson said. "Many assume that everyone is going to be forced to think in a feminist way, when it really is an exploration of the world; taking gender, sexuality and theories and looking at [those] intersecting hierarchies."

The ambassadors are chosen based on grade point average as well as a application process. They represent their program at K-State's Academic Majors Fair and Open House, talking to potential students about the major.

"The ambassadors are a powerful group of really high achievers," Dickinson said. "They're a group of people who excel. They represent women's studies to other students and to the university [as a whole]."

Another resource for the education and support of women – and men alike – is the Women's Center. The Women's Center, located at 206 Holton Hall, assists students that

have been attacked or victimized, while also promoting nonviolence.

"We provide a wealth of information about violence and nonviolence on local and global issues," said Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center.

The Center supports Wildcats Against Rape and the Freedom Alliance. Todd said the Women's Center is important because of the way society perceives these topics.

"If it were Justin Bieber instead of Miley Cyrus naked on that wrecking ball ... the conversation would be different," Todd said. "We haven't quite accepted the [societal] sexual abuse of our little boys as openly as we accept it of our girls. There is still sexism and misogyny in our culture."

Bruner said FIRE is dedicated to changing how the community views these issues.

"We keep track of issues in the community and talk about how we could fix them," Bruner said. "We want to create awareness and make a safe space for people to talk about these issues."

Although the group hasn't been as active in recent years, FIRE has participated in annual events like Take

Back the Night. The organization is also planning on hosting several guest speakers, including Marjorie Cohn and Jane Ward.

"My main goal this year is to increase awareness on campus and increase membership," Bruner said. "We welcome a membership of the diverse students at K-State."

All of the women's studies academic programs and outside groups are not only important to the K-State community, but are important in the Manhattan community as well. It's about more than supporting only women's rights. It's about expanding our view world view and opening our eyes to some harsh truths that women have faced for decades. The programs give students the opportunity to understand more about themselves as well as the society that they live in.

"Students that get involved in these issues can see ways to make progress that others can't," Dickinson said. "Students can really identify some of the ways to bring about change. It's in every student's, male and female, interest to create a university where everybody is educated to help shape a better society."

Chauvinism, lack of heroines in comics needs to be addressed



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Brian Hampel

After many of the big announcements from San Diego Comic-Con, The Amazing Spider-Man writer Dan Slott tweeted something insightful.

"Today, @Marvel let you know that Groot will appear in a movie before Wonder Woman."

It's hard to deny the gender problem in comics when some studio executives thought it was worth the risk to film Groot, a talking tree from the bizarre and spacey "Guardians of the Galaxy" series, before filming a character as recognizable as Wonder Woman.

The world of superheroes is undoubtedly a boys club, especially on the big screen. Black Widow and Catwoman recently got well received supporting roles, but leading ladies are hard to come by and it might not be hard to see why.

"The female-led movies have a bad history," said Charles Aspinall, Manhattan resident. "Look at Catwoman with Halle Berry – failed. Elektra with Jennifer Garner – good actress, but it failed. We can stand here and say the movies were just terrible on their own, but the studio executives are who you need to talk to. Movies are a business and if they're not making money, that's the end of it."

There's also a bit of a problem with the limited pool of female heroes to draw from.

"Women are definitely under-represented in comics," said Chase Therkelsen, senior in open option.

Therkelsen also said there are only a few female heroes who most audiences would actually know.

"Maybe there could be a Black Widow spinoff," Therkelsen said. "We'll see if she can stand alone from the guys she works with, but otherwise, Wonder Woman would probably be the only one who would make sense to people."

Aspinall said that when you look at a lot of the women in comics, like the female X-Men, they're mostly in groups and on teams. He said there maybe won't be a solo movie for one heroine. It would be a team, like DC Comics' "Birds of Prey."

Even when heroines get stand-alone titles, they are often female spinoffs of male heroes. Look at Supergirl and Power Girl, Batgirl and Batwoman, the multiple Spider-Girls and Spider-Women, even or Ms. Marvel who has since taken up the mantle of Captain Marvel. Looking at the comic rack, the only solo heroines standing on their own are Wonder Woman and Red Sonja.

"Of course, a Wonder Woman movie might have the problem of oversexualizing her and seeming desperate," Therkelsen said. "[There is] the all too common issue of women being dressed and posed ridiculously all throughout comics."

TVTropes.org documents several common themes with pages like "Chairmail Bikini," "Thong of Shielding," "Cleavage Window" and "Bare Your Midriff." Even weirder still, DC Comics recently drew a lot of criticism for a talent search that asked aspiring artists to draw Harley Quinn committing suicide

in the buff.

"Sometimes, when I see a woman drawn to emphasize her figure a little too much, even if it's sexy, I'll just roll my eyes," said Nick Nelson, senior in architecture.

A fan website, thehawkeyeinitiative.com, has found an interesting, and humorous, way of criticizing the comic world chauvinism. If a comic panel shows a woman's pose or a viewing angle that is overtly and ridiculously sexual, an artist draws superhero Hawkeye in her place.

Even with all the problems surrounding the female superheroes of the world, there are some shining examples. The New 52 version of DC's "Birds of Prey" has been received favorably for treating its women three-dimensionally, as has Marvel's all-female X-Men that debuted this summer.

Possibly more than any other heroine, Major Carol Danvers set her fan base on fire when she was promoted from Ms. Marvel to Captain Marvel in July 2012 as part of a new comic series by writer Kelly Sue DeConnick. Marvel editor-in-chief Axel Alonso has noticed the passionate fandom of the so-called "Carol Corps."

"At the Marvel booth at Toronto Fan Expo, shortly after the launch of that title, I was approached by a little girl, maybe five-years-old, who was wearing a handmade Captain Marvel uniform," Alonso said. "Her hair all mussed up, and BAM! just like that, I totally got the need for this character."

Captain Marvel scratches an itch that no one else does. Just the fact that her name is Captain Marvel is important."

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Wildcats look to build on 9-1 record at invitational



David Embers
staff writer

After having a few days to recuperate and get their legs back, the K-State Volleyball team is headed back out on the road to finish off their nonconference slate. Last weekend, the Wildcats were in Berkeley, Calif. participating in the Cal Invitational. K-State went 2-1 during their west coast road trip, picking up a 3-2 win against No. 23 ranked Cal. The Wildcats returned home with the tournament championship and a 9-1 record.

Looking forward, the Wildcats hope to continue their impressive play. Head coach Suzie Fritz and her team will open up play in the Razorback Invitational with Arkansas on Friday evening at 7 p.m. The Wildcats were then scheduled to play a double header on Saturday against Saint Louis and Alabama.

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K-State senior outside hitter Lilla Porubek sends a spike over the net Sept. 7 at Ahearn Fieldhouse. The Wildcats will travel to Arkansas to compete in the Razorback Invitational this weekend.

bama. However, according to a statement released by the South Alabama athletic department last Thursday, the Jaguars will be unable to compete because of "... widespread injury and illness throughout the team." There is no current makeup date scheduled for the game at this time.

While the Wildcats would have benefited from the additional nonconference opponent, a break in action during the weekend could be positive moving forward. K-State will then wrap up their weekend as they drive just a little north to battle Missouri State at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The final preseason road trip will have the Wildcats playing three matches in three days, all against quality opponents. If K-State can return home 12-1 or 11-2, it would be huge positive as the team moves into conference play. Here's what to expect from the three teams:

Arkansas

The Razorbacks are coming off their first 20-win season and first NCAA tournament birth since 2006. Head coach Robert Pulliza hopes to continue this trend for the current season. Arkansas is currently 6-3, and is looking to continue their impressive nonconference schedule, that has seen them win the Golden Hurricane Classic in Tulsa. Junior Meredith Hays picked up MVP honors while at the tournament. Hays averages nearly 4.4 kills per set, and had 21 kills against Tulsa in a match last weekend. The Razorbacks will run a 6-2, meaning they will employ two setters, Raymariely Santos and Ashley Vazquez, who record 6.24 and 5.44 assists per game respectively. The last meeting between these two teams was in 2005 and resulted in a 3-0 sweep by the Wildcats. The overall series score is 5-1, with the only loss coming in 1998.

Saint Louis

The Billikens arrive at the Razorback Invitational with a record of 4-7. Saint Louis has lost five of their last six, and is still looking to get back on track. One positive from the Billikens five matches a week ago was the solid play of Megan Gilbert. Gilbert, a middle blocker, averaged 1.4 blocks per set and was selected as the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week. Offensively, Mallory Dillon and Danielle Rygelski lead Saint Louis.

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This Week in K-State Sports

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FB: vs. UMass, W 37-7 VB: vs. Call, W 3-2	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS	MGolf: Columbia Regional	MGolf: Columbia Regional	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS	NO SCHEDULED EVENTS	VB: @ Arkansas, Razorback Invitational EQ: @ South Carolina, 9 a.m. WTennis: K-State Fall Invitational	FB: @ Texas, 7 p.m. XC: Woody Green Invitational (6k/8k) EQ: @ Delaware State WTennis: K-State Fall Invitational

No. 5 Equestrian team takes on No. 3 South Carolina in season opener

Spencer Low
staff writer

The No. 5 K-State Equestrian team will begin their season by traveling to take on No. 3 South Carolina today, followed by a trip up the coast to face Delaware State

Saturday. The matchup with South Carolina is not only the season opener for both teams, but the season opener for the National Collegiate Equestrian Association.

The Wildcats finished last season with a Reserve National Championship in

Western Seat, and will be looking to make a huge statement by knocking off the Gamecocks in a showdown of top-five teams.

South Carolina traveled to Manhattan last year and lost to the Wildcats 14-6. K-State was especially impressive in

Western, winning 8-2, while taking Hunter Seat 6-4. The win was a big one for K-State, coming on March 8 and snapping a three-match losing streak for the team some good momentum to heading into the Big 12 Championship.

Seniors Rachel Webster and Madison Wayda, who compete in both Hunter Seat events, Equitation on the Flat and Equitation Over Fences, will be looking to win by a larger margin this year, while seniors Jordan Cox and Kelly Bovard will look to dominate

again in Western. Knocking off South Carolina would be a perfect start to the 2013-2014 season for K-State after losing their season opener a year ago at

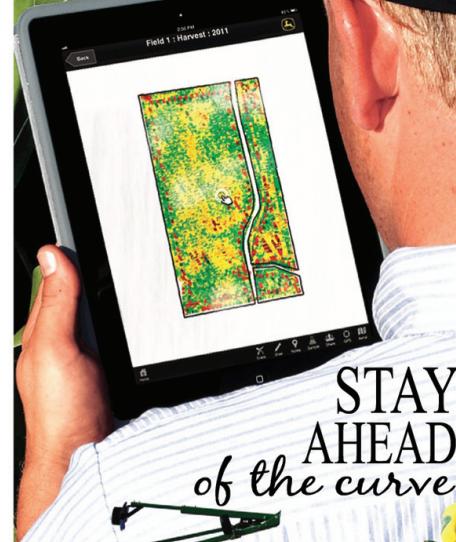
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TOP LEFT: Merlin Kuder, an aviation technician of 12 years, completes a control rod inspection Wednesday morning at K-State Salina. Kuder said most planes were inspected every 300 hours for normal wear.

LEFT: Aviation professor Bill Gross teaches his students about what to do during a missed approach, on Wednesday at K-State Salina.

TOP RIGHT: Eric Shafer, an instructor for K-State Salina contracted from Universal Helicopters, ties down the rotors after a flight with a student Wednesday morning at K-State Salina. Shafer flew with student Bryan Brooks, who said the Kansas winds made flying the smaller R-22 helicopter even more difficult.

BOTTOM: Jonathan Berroa, senior in professional piloting, washes a plane at K-State Salina Thursday morning. Washing the planes not only kept up the planes appearance, but also kept the leading edge clean for a smoother flight.



MARCHING | Tracz says Wilks is his 'hero'

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an absolutely great attitude and outlook about life in general."

Even though it was a challenge, Tracz and Wilks have been able to figure out a way for Wilks to participate in the marching band.

"When I first met Dr. Tracz, I let him know I was thinking of joining the marching band," Wilks said. "He said he didn't know how we were going to do it, but we're going to try."

Wilks now does everything that the other band members do. He marches on the field while playing the saxophone, attends every practice, participates in pep rallies and attends other band commitments.

"Charlie is very, very quick and picks up things rapidly," Tracz said. "His other senses are very fine tuned and he is much more capable than the rest of us in many areas including concentration, quick thinking, perception and understanding. I had no doubt after meeting him that this would work just fine."

Wilks uses a special music program that he got through a grant

when he came to K-State. The program allows him to read music, do homework and anything else music-related he might need. Aside from the technology, Wilks learned all the basics of marching band with all of his band mates.

"I actually started at band camp this year," he said. "I just came out on the field and they showed me how to do everything. I just practiced like everyone else and when it comes down to it, I can feel it and know what to do."

Wilks' mother said she had no doubt that her son would be able to succeed in all aspects of life, that there is something about him that makes him continue to strive.

"He really has been motivated and determined on his own, always," Cunningham said.

It is his visual impairment that Wilks said he credits to his success and determination. He said that his impairment actually forces him to push himself further not only in music, but in everything.

"I think it's actually inspired me to go beyond the means I would have gone to if I wouldn't have gone blind,"

Wilks said. "If there's one thing I hate, it's when people say I can't do something, because it's not true. It just takes a little bit of adaptation for me."

Life outside of the band is just as good for Wilks. He said he likes living on his own, the social aspect of college and getting to experience life in general.

"My life at college isn't going to be different from any other student," Wilks said. "One of the things I try to make a goal is to do everything as normally as possible."

Tracz said he thinks that everyone can learn from Wilks' attitude and outlook on life, especially his fellow band mates.

"Many times when things get difficult for the band, I can sense some students feeling sorry for themselves and I immediately ask Charlie on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being poor and 10 being great, how does he feel and how much fun is he having," Tracz said.

"Without hesitation, Charlie literally screams back at me '15.' The rest of us smile and feel a bit badly that we would even think we are challenged. Charlie is my hero."

PINK | PINK events to continue throughout semester

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K-State finally has the apparel available like KU."

The University of Kansas has had PINK apparel for three years now, and the PINK Campus Tour will continue onto KU's campus today.

K-State was not chosen by Victoria's Secret to be featured as one of the first set of Division I universities to have the PINK collection, but through spirit competitions and social media voting, K-State was added to the collection along with 19 other universities this fall.

Thursday's event is one of four to come on campus this semester. Last week kicked off the PINK Nation Campus Tour with Spirit Week. Establishments like Varsity Donuts hosted raffles, where PINK K-State shirts were handed out during business hours.

"We'll have our watch party for the Victoria's Secret Runway Show Dec. 10," said Allison Bosch, senior in marketing and one of two campus representatives.

K-State's PINK Nation representatives have been working since their training in Columbus, Ohio in July to make the PINK Nation special for K-State. K-State's campus reps Bosch and Jessica Giannina, senior in entrepreneurship, helped with set up and organization of the Victoria's Secret sponsored event.

"We're really excited because it's the first time our campus is getting to do this," Giannina said. "Twenty new schools were added this year to the Campus Tour and we get to be the ones to start and plan it all."

BALL PIT | Students not shy of little challenge, turn strangers into friends

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"Ball's in Your Court."

"The ball pit was awesome, it's like reliving your childhood while meeting someone you did not know and I asked questions I would not normally ask when meeting a stranger," said Kate Chaney, freshman in apparel and textiles.

Chaney, while attending Kramer's ball pit, met Danielle Dick, junior in interior design and Taylor Guhr, freshman in open option.

CDAs work to educate residents about cultural and diversity issues within the residence halls. The CDA represents the Department of Housing and Dining Services and works on a team to educate residents, plan pro-

grams and serve as an advocate around the issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

Starting Monday at Derby Dining Center and ending Thursday outside of the Frith Community Center in the Jardine Complex, the CDAs took a portable ball pit to each living community and filled it with over 2,000 plastic balls to encourage students to meet strangers.

While Guhr and Chaney both live in Goodnow Hall, Dick resides at the Smurthwaite Scholarship Leadership House. It is possible the trio would never have met, if not for this event.

There were 15 large balls in the pit that featured questions for the participants to ask one another. People were urged to name three things

off their bucket list, share a cultural tradition, say what they value the most in their life and to find something similar or different between the people within the pit, among conversation topics.

One ball was called the "Challenge Ball." This ball encouraged people who had just met to take a picture together, if they felt comfortable, and then share it though their preferred social media.

"It was so ironic, not a single person said 'no' to a picture when they got the challenge ball," said Danielle Crossland, senior in social work and a CDA member. "I feel like people probably got something out of it if they were so willing to take a picture with a random stranger."

Crossland said she felt that

people really do want to talk to one another, to gain knowledge about others, they just do not know where to begin.

"These are people we walk by every day and we know there must be cultural differences but we would not ask questions about them," Crossland said. "But, who does not want to get in a ball pit? It allowed people something exciting to do so they would talk about culture without feeling pressure."

CDA stressed that they did not want students to feel pushed into talking about diversity. Once people were in the pit, the advocates stepped back and allowed the students to guide the conversation as deep as they felt comfortable after reading the questions on the balls.

Monica Diaz-Serrano, freshman in applied music, met Emily Gray, freshman in animal science and industry, in the ball pit. During their time in the ball pit, Diaz-Serrano and Gray were prompted to create a handshake special to them and express what condiment they would shoot out of their fingers if they could have the ability.

"If you are courageous enough to speak out and silly enough to sit in the ball pit you are also silly enough to talk to a new person," Diaz-Serrano said.

The mantra of the event was, "take it as you can, the ball is in your court." Some strangers spoke and created handshakes that looked like they had been friends for years.

"I did not expect people to be so excited, students practically took over the program themselves and we just got to enjoy," Crossland said.

"We did not have to advertise once the ball pit was set up; people would get out and then yell to others and tell them the check out the pit."

It appeared that the connections made in the ball pit would not be temporary but that friendships were being built right in the pit.

"We can still talk, we can still be friends, even though we are diverse," Crossland said. "We can understand that we are different and we can still get along. We find connections we would never guess would be there."

K-State Tennis Fall Invitational kicks off team's 39th season

Kiersten Schorgl
staff writer

The women's tennis team will kick off their 39th tennis season today at the new Mike Goss Stadium with the K-State Tennis Invitational tournament. The tournament, lasting through Sunday, is the first fall event that the women's tennis team will host since Sept. 20-21, 1997.

"Maybe we should be afraid of the other teams, but we're not," said head coach Steve Bietau. "We're mostly excited to play on the new courts. They are a great surface, and the seating is a huge deal. Fans sitting on elevated seating is a real treat."

The new Mike Goss Stadium, dedicated Sept. 7, is located at the new outdoor facility for the Chester E. Peters K-State Recreational Center and was part of a \$3 million renovation of the outdoor facilities through the collaborative agreement between K-State Athletics, the Student Governing Association and the Rec Complex. It features six outdoor purple courts, divided by powercats, new steel benches with "K-State" welded into the back, an outdoor lighting system and enough metal bleachers to accommodate up to 400 fans.

"We are so lucky to play at the facility," said returning junior Amina St. Hill. "This

means so much to my team that K-State cares so much."

Being a senior brings a lot of responsibility, especially when you are Petra Niedermayerova, the only senior on the team. Niedermayerova, of Brno, Czech Republic, said that being a senior is her last time to put it all on the line, and is incentive to be her best self on the court.

"She is a good player, a strong individual. There is no one better to lead the team than Petra," Bietau said of her No. 12 nationally ranked player.

For her K-State career, Niedermayerova holds a school record for singles wins with an 80-33 (.708) mark. Her overall singles winning percentage of .708 ranks second in school history. Coming into this season, Niedermayerova holds a doubles record of 60-40 (.600) and needs 14 more doubles victories this season to take over the school record for doubles wins in a career.

A unique thing about this team is that there are six new players this year, and all of them are freshman: Iva Bago, Liv Cirnu, Palma Juhasz, Tegan Louw, Riley Nizzi and Maria Panaite.

"It is my first time to play with new freshman," St. Hill said. "I am very excited for it."

The permanent doubles teams have not been decided by Bietau yet. Bietau said that there will be no evaluation of

the teams upcoming season until they have played this invitational.

"It is a long season that is just getting started," Bietau said. "It is a different feeling having six freshman. They are new and learning, and we are all working on getting on the same page."

Of the eight players on the team, seven are international. St. Hill said that while being away from home is difficult, "you build up a family with the team. The team is my family."

Previous professional tennis player Andre Agassi described tennis as, "a lonely sport, probably the most lonely. You are out there with no team [playing singles], no

coach and no place to hide."

According to St. Hill's description of her time on the court, it would appear Agassi's account is accurate.

"[It's just] me, the opponent and the ball," St. Hill said. "I can not see the audience, I block everything out. I am in my own world and everything else is nonexistent."

What isn't nonexistent is the fierce competition the team faces in its upcoming matches. Whether it is in the invitational, Omaha, UMKC, or Wichita, Niedermayerova said that some teams are more challenging, but it is just about playing their best for K-State and keeping a positive attitude for the season.

VOLLEYBALL | Wildcats 'firing on all cylinders'

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Combined, the two hitters averaged over eight kills per set, adding in over five digs as well. Head coach Kent Miller is in his third season with the Bilikens, and has a record of 25-33. The Wildcats are 6-0 all time against Saint Louis, with the most recent win coming on August 27, 2005.

Missouri State

The Missouri State Bears go into Friday with the best winning percentage of all three weekend opponents. At 8-3, the Bears are fresh off

of a 2-1 record at their home tournament, the University Plaza Invitational. Missouri State's only loss last weekend came from a sweep by the Oklahoma Sooners. Like the Wildcats, the Bears have a balanced attack, with four players averaging more than two kills per set. As a team, Missouri State is hitting an impressive .219 percent. Bears head coach Melissa Stokes, who entered the season with a career record of 373-179, is in her 18th year as the head coach of Missouri State. In the past 10 seasons, the Bears have gone to seven NCAA

Tournaments. K-State and Missouri State have matched up 20 times over the years, with the Bears currently leading the series 13-7. However, all 13 of Missouri State's wins occurred before 1991. The most recent matchup was in 2012, ending in a 3-0 K-State sweep.

The Wildcats seem to be firing on all cylinders after their first ten games. Redshirt freshman setter Katie Brand is fresh off a Big 12 Freshman of the Week award. Brand has posted a team high of six double-doubles, and averages nearly 10 assists per game.

Senior middle blocker Kaitlyn Pelger has picked up two tournament MVP awards and seems to be one of the better all-around players not only in the Big 12, but in the country. If the offensive attacking can stay consistently balanced and effective, the Wildcats may do some serious damage as they move through their conference schedule. Historically, the Big 12 has been a much more difficult test than K-State's nonconference schedule, so only time will tell as to how the team will react when the competition gets more tough.

EQUESTRIAN | Home opener next week

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While K-State will be led by its four seniors, it takes more than four riders to win. Seniors Cat Avolese and Shana Barnett will also be looking to start the season off well in Hunter Seat and are joined by several other younger riders. For the Western team, seniors Amelia Crites, Chayna DeNicolo and Rachel Wetherell will all be available for Horsemanship, while Cox and Bovard will be the "go-to" gals" on Reining.

A hot start would certainly make the Wildcats' home opener next weekend better, but either way, the team is no doubt eager to get the season underway, and what better than the challenge of another top-five team.

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